

not consider that purity of heart is requisite to making thee happy: thou dost not apply thy wisdom to the researches of truth. The transitory delusions of this life are replete with the bewitching momentary pleasures of folly, therefore they yield no satisfaction, but contribute to annoy the possessor with the calamities of discontent. The glorious sun shines on all thy treasures, and fails not to cheer thee with his early and declining rays. Canst thou not see a bright example in the prospect of all nature? Yet, is not thy heart elated with the reflection of thy own power. Thou hast good and evil, pleasure and woe in view: the opportunity of thy choosing, alone evinces thy unhappiness.

If thy lascivious eye is ever watchful over the daughters of the East, determine thy choice according to the result of thy amorous passion, and reward her for life, considering the advantages of her inclination towards thee; whereby thou wilt possess the serenity of a tranquil mind, encouraging thee to relinquish, by a gradual degradation, the pursuits of thy roving amusements. Thou wilt then acquire new ideas, and every day will bring thee nearer to the delightful mount of reason; thy pleasures will continually vary their course till thou hast attained the summit; from whence thou wilt be able to look
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down on all thy actions with the calm satisfaction of self-government.

The incidents attendant on human life should be considered as preparatory trials for a future state, destined by the Omnipotent Creator. Frailty and Foible are inseparable twins, and never-failing companions to mankind: to them we must submit in every changing scene of action, and happy are they who have intrepidity to withstand their misfortunes; but such intrepidity must arise from a basis of sound judgment and solid reason.

If thou art oppressed with any cares of melancholy, remember they are the offspring of thy own indolent situation. Call to thy mind the state of the scorching pilgrim, who having completed his journey, sits himself down happy with the opportunity, and contentedly refreshes himself with the last sequin; smiling with grateful joy at the sufficiency allotted him by Providence, while thou canst revel securely at ease in unbounded luxury.

Dispose thyself, with great resolution, to act aright: withstand manfully the adversities of the mind; give thyself to frequent serious contemplation: in a word, pursue the dictates of Truth, then will thy conscience warn thee to shun the rocks of evil,
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